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STANDARD SETTING COMPETENCE REGARDING VESSEL SOURCE POLLU-

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TION IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA

1. VLADILLEN VASEV, MINISTER COUNSELOR AT SOVIET EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, CALLED ON AMB. T. VINCENT LEARSON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE ON JULY 6 TO RAISE ISSUE OF RIGHT OF COASTAL STATE TO SET VESSEL-SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA.

2. VASEV STATED THE USSR BELIEVES RSNT TEXT OF ARTICLE 20, PART II, PARA 2 IS SATISFACTORY. U.S. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED AT RECENT GROUP OF 5 (G-5) MEETING WOULD INTERFERE WITH INNOCENT PASSAGE IN USSR VIEW. VASEV STATED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF G-5, EXCEPT U.S., AGREE WITH USSR THAT ART. 20 AS WRITTEN IS ACCEPTABLE. USSR VIEW IS THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW COASTAL STATE COMPETENCE OVER MATTERS WHICH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN THE PAST DID NOT DEEM NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.

3. AS COMPROMISE, SOVIETS COULD ACCEPT ADDING TO END OF PARA 2 PHRASE "WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PROVISIONS OF

PART III." ACCEPTANCE IS CONDITIONAL UPON U.S. DROPPING OTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND AGREEMENT TO COMPROMISE BY G-5. SOVIETS ARE CONVEYING THIS PROPOSAL TO ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF G-5. FYI: THIS COMPROMISE WAS OFFERED AT RECENT G-5 MEETING. STATES AGREED TO RECOMMEND COMPROMISE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. END FYI

4. AMBASSADOR LEARSON INDICATED THAT USG HAS NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON PROPOSED COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS, BUT USG WILL CONVEY DECISION WHEN REACHED TO USSR AND OTHER G-5 MEMBERS. KISSINGER

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